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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 13, 2005**

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005 in the above identified pending application, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time (up to and including January 13, 2006) and the necessary fee are enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.